Amendment of FERA

215. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM. Will the Minister ol FINANCE be pleased to state:

(,a) whether Government purpose ^{t0} jmend FERA i_n order to remove certain ambiguities in some of the provisions of the Act; and

t.b) if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JA-NARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The Government of India has appointed a working Group under the Chairmanship of Deputy Governor Reserve Bank of India ^{t0} review th_e exchange control regulations. If any amendment in FERA is suggested by the Group, it would b_e considered by the Government at the appropriate time.

Sick textile mills

216. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALL Will the Minister o.f TEXTILE9 be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the sick tex tile mills whose managements have been taken over by Government during the last three years; and

(b) what steps Government hav_e taken to revive them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI KHUR-SHID ALAM KHAN): (a) During the year 1983, the management of 13 textile, undertakings of Bombay was $take_n$ over by the Central Government pending nationali-sation. The names of these 13 Textile mills are as under:—

(1) Elphingstone Spg. & Wvg. Mills. Bombay.

(2) New City of Bombay Mills, Bombay.

(3) Jam Manufacturing Mills, Bombay.

(4) Podar Mills, Bombay.

(5) Tata Mills, Bombay.

(6) Finlay Mills, Bombay.

(7) Podar Processors, Bombay.

(8) Shree Sitaram Mills, Bombay.

(9) Kohinoor Mills, No. 1, Bombay.

(10) $Kohinoo_r$ Mills, No. 2, Bombay.

(11) Kohinoor Mills, No. 3, Bombay.

(12) Shree Madfausudan Hills, Bombay.

(13) Gold Mohur Mills. Bomb

(b) At present all th_e 13 mills in Bom-buy are in production. Efforts are being made to achieve optimum capacity utilisation, i_n commensurate with the condition of the machinery. However, to reactivate the full installed capacity, modernisation of mills will be necessary.

Production of tobacco in Andhru Pradcsb

217. SHRI R. SAMBAS1VA RAO: Will tba Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to State:

(a) what is the per acre production cf tobacco in Andbra Pradesh at present- and

(b) what special efforts the Central Go vernment propose to take to increase the production of tobacco in that State?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI P. SH.IV SHANKER): fa) The present average yield of Tobacco in An-dhra Pradesh is estimated at 348 Kgs. pet-acre.

(b) The Tobacco Board is implementing various technical progarmmes like Varietal Trials. Integrated Best Management. Topping and Desuckering. and is taking other steps like, supply $_c$f various inputs etc. in collaboration with State Government other agencies like the Directorate of Tabacco Development and Central Tobacco Research Institute.